

MEN'S PATRONS DIVISION
OF THE
ELVA A. WRIGHT AUXILIARY
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5806 BAYOU BEND, HOUSTON, TEXAS



Houston, Texas
January 14, 1957

Mr. John Doe,
3333 Homestead St.,
Houston, Texas.

Dear Mr. Doe:

On behalf of the patients and staff of the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital I would like to express our very deep appreciation of the generous donation of \$350.00 which you recently made to the hospital, through the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary. Your donation has been placed in a fund which contributes directly to the needs of patients in the hospital who are trying so desperately to get well.

Through the interest which you have expressed in contributing to the Auxiliary drive the hospital has benefitted tremendously and we deeply appreciate your interest.

Sincerely Yours,

Daniel E. Jenkins, Medical Director
Houston Tuberculosis Hospital
Houston, Texas

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2 carbon copies on each letter.

PROGRESS REPORT

TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

It is almost impossible to enumerate the many activities and changes in so short a time. A few accomplishments may be seen in the following notations:

Food conveyance from the main kitchen to various units scattered over the grounds has been a perplexing problem over the years. This condition has been improved 100% through the gift of a station wagon. Seats were removed and sliding compartments built into the bed of the truck. Food containers placed into this closed truck are quickly conveyed to all units within a few minutes, hot and ready to serve. A canopy has been installed over the kitchen loading porch to protect food in inclement weather as it is loaded into the truck. The main kitchen has had a general face uplifting with a new coat of paint.

Kitchens and bathrooms in all units have been painted. A new kitchen floor replaces the old one in Unit 3-F which had rotted through generally and was unsafe. A small dressing room for employees has been built near the kitchen, eliminating stacks of old shoes and clothing.

A mixer large enough for all our needs has been installed.

A new stainless steel kitchen truck, also tray conveyors save time and relieve much hand and leg work in dining room service.

A useless fireplace and chimney in Unit 2 has been removed, in its place, shelves and proper wiring installed to furnish better accomodation for view boxes for the study of x-ray films of patients in the Unit. An old cabinet there was removed and recessed shelves for patient serving trays, in that small kitchen built.

Moveable file cabinets have been placed in nurses' stations, patients charts are more easily accessible to doctors reviewing case histories.

Four ice making machines of 400 lb capacity each, have been installed.

A new power saw to facilitate repair work, has been provided.

A new floor polisher has been added to household equipment.

A six room residence was donated to the hospital by the City of Houston; only cost being the moving of same. This house has been moved to the hospital grounds. With little renovation to this building it is to provide living quarters and office space for the resident physicians.

A 50 gallon water heater has been installed to service this building and other office cottage.

A new roof was put on the laundry building, also the laundry was painted, inside and out.

A fire escape was ordered for the Autry Memorial Children's Building.

All outside awnings have been replaced (40) .

Blankets and heaters were purchased in sufficient quantities to assure warmth and comfort for all patients.

A better lighting service for the grounds is being installed now. A police officer was employed to fill the vacancy of a night watchman.

A full time painter has been employed.

Jefferson Davis Hospital is furnishing the Tuberculosis Division with distilled water.

\$24,000.00 for X-Ray and Laboratory equipment is on order and will be delivered in 30 days.

We have asked for \$10,000.00 for the purchase of beds and mattresses for the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Inter-communication system is being installed in the Out-Patient clinic which will eliminate many errands and useless steps.

New bed side cabinets have been installed for each patient in the hospital.

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City prisoners did a general cleanup on all of the grounds of the Hospital.

Request has been made and granted for the installation of a new all metal incinerator, which will move the eye sore on Buffalo.

All purchasing is being done by the Purchasing Agent of Jefferson Davis Hospital, which gives us an advantage of volume purchasing. In the past, the purchasing for the Tuberculosis Hospital was done by the City of Houston.

Arrangements are being made to set up dining rooms for the "Up" patients to have their meals at a table instead of their bed side. The doctors have cleared this procedure and we plan to have it in effect soon.

There has been an utilization of personnel at both hospitals.

January 24, 1957

The Elva A. Wright Auxiliary

AND

The Mens Patron Division

OF

The Houston Tuberculosis Hospital

DINNER MEETING

JOHNS RESTAURANT
9350 SOUTH MAIN

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24TH, 7:00 P.M.

\$3.00 PER PERSON
RESERVATIONS
JA 2-4190

PLEASE MAIL CHECK
TO
MRS. MOSE BUCK
3714 TARTAN LANE



INFORMATION ON THE REPORT OF THE HOSPITAL COMMITTEE, H.C.M.S.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH REGULAR PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURES THE EXECUTIVE BOARD RECOMMENDS THAT THE ABOVE NAMED REPORT BE BROUGHT BEFORE THE SOCIETY AGAIN AT THE SEPTEMBER 11th REGULAR BUSINESS MEETING. IT FURTHER URGES THAT ALL MEMBERS BE PRESENT IN ORDER THAT A REPRESENTATIVE OPINION CAN BE EXPRESSED ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THIS REPORT.

Due to some misinterpretation concerning the Hospital Committee report, which deals with the expansion and professional organization of Jefferson Davis Hospital, the following information is forwarded to you in the hope that any misunderstanding concerning the report might be clarified.

The report of the Hospital Committee was presented to the Executive Board at its regular meeting in June 1957 and was approved without a dissenting vote. The Executive Board then called a special meeting of the Society for consideration of the recommendations contained in the report.

The report was tabled at this special meeting. However, it can be brought up at any subsequent business meeting of the Society

Recommendation No. 1 states: "In accordance with the Garrett report, we recommend immediate modernization and expansion of the Out-patient Department and Emergency Room facilities of the present Jeff Davis Hospital."

This seems to be the one item in the Garrett report upon which there is unanimous agreement between the profession, the press and community groups. It is felt by all that this one improvement would greatly increase the efficiency of the hospital, that it would probably reduce expenditures and would at the same time provide vastly improved medical care to the indigent of this county. Regardless of what decision is eventually made relative to expanded hospital beds, ADDITIONAL IMPROVED EMERGENCY AND OUT-PATIENT FACILITIES ARE IMPERATIVE.

Recommendation No. 2 states: "Expansion of the Jefferson Davis Hospital facilities at the present site, by adding 350 general beds for acute diseases, and a 250 bed tuberculosis unit."

There is considerable variation of opinion as to the necessity of having 350 additional general hospital beds for the medically indigent of Harris County. With the continuous increase in voluntary health insurance, fewer and fewer people fall within the category of the medical indigent. In 1956 J.D. Hospital, which is designated as a charity hospital, collected approximately \$500,000 from pay patients which represents approximately 12% of the total hospital budget.

According to the Garrett report 350 additional beds will be needed by 1960 and the Hospital Committee Report is in accord with this figure. The occupancy of J.D. Hospital, according to the Business Manager's office, for the first six months of 1957 is as follows: Jan., 88.3; Feb. 97.3; March 92.1; April 92.3; May 93.9; June 89.4.

It is entirely possible that a new 350 bed acute general hospital with adequate out-patient and emergency facilities in addition to the present facilities at J.D. Hospital might be adequate for the medically indigent, including tubercular patients, for many years.

New Administration Wins Improvements At TB Hospital

By LOUIS BLACKBURN
Press Staff Writer

The much-criticized Tuberculosis Hospital, old, overcrowded and obsolete, has been much improved under the new administration.

Since it was taken over less than a year ago the board of Jefferson Davis Hospital, to be administered by the staff of that hospital, there have been many improvements to enhance the efficiency and better the sanitation.

It has been accomplished by the combined efforts of the board and administration of Jefferson Davis Hospital and the work of the Women's Auxiliary of TB Hospital, of which Mrs. J. W. Grogan is president.

Drive Vital Factor

Most of the improvements were made possible by a drive put on by the Auxiliary, which raised about \$25,000 of its \$35,000 goal and donations of furniture and equipment.

There is still much to be desired at TB Hospital, which is pitifully inadequate for Houston's rapidly-growing needs, but its recent improvements are a tribute to the workers, who are trying desperately to make it the best possible.

Donate Station Wagon

The donation of a station wagon to the hospital has made it possible for the food to be delivered hot to the several scattered units. The seats were removed and sliding compartments built into the bed of the truck.

A canopy was built over the kitchen loading porch to protect the food in bad weather while it is being loaded.

The kitchen was painted, new floors installed, dressing rooms and individual lockers built for employees. Stainless steel kitchen trucks and four ice-making machines installed. All grease traps were covered.

Buildings Painted

Buildings and furniture were

painted and repaired. The unsightly old incinerator was torn down and a new one built. Better lighting for the grounds is being installed, and the grounds were given a general cleanup.

The housekeeping department has made new curtains and drapes, and furniture reupholstered. More blankets and heaters were bought to insure the comfort of all patients.

A new roof was put on the laundry and the building was painted inside and out. X-Ray and laboratory equipment—\$25,000 worth of it—has been ordered and is now arriving.

Order Fire Escape

A fire escape to meet regular

tions was ordered for the Children's Building. Air conditioning units were donated by the McGregor Park Exchange Club. The Southern Pacific Business Women's Club donated tables and chairs for that building. Eleven water coolers were donated by the alumni of Rice Institute. A new refrigerator was added to equipment.

The City of Houston donated a six-room residence to provide living quarters on the grounds for resident physicians.

A 250 tuberculosis unit is also recommended in the Hospital Committee Report.

The Hospital which was formerly named the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital is now known as the Tuberculosis Section of the Jefferson Davis Hospital, and as such is under the administrative control of the latter hospital.

Those favoring the expansion of the tuberculosis section point out that (a) The facilities of the present T.B. section are very obsolete and are a disgrace to a progressive community and (b) that tuberculosis is a contagious disease and as such is the county's number 1 health problem. Those who oppose additional tuberculosis beds point out (a) that the State has assumed responsibility for hospitalizing tuberculosis patients and that millions of dollars have been spent on an expanded state program; (b) that it is unfair for the citizens of Harris County to be taxed on a state level and again on a local level to provide hospital care for these patients; (c) that Harris County would always be saddled with providing this care if additional beds are built even though numerous beds in State Hospitals are available and (d) that the incidence of tuberculosis is falling and that new beds should be provided for conditions (such as those of our rapidly increasing aging population) which are definitely in the ascendancy.

Recommendation # 3 deals with the operation and teaching program of the hospital and occasioned the bulk of the discussion when the report was presented to the Society.

The recommendation states, in brief, that the "operation of this hospital should be under two boards."

"One of these boards should consist of the city-county authorities and this board should have complete control of the economic operation of the hospital". This is as it should be. When tax monies are being spent, it is absolutely essential that the control of these monies be in the hands of elected officials. They are responsible to the tax-payers. It would not be feasible or legally correct for any other board to control the financial operation of the hospital.

The county is the unit of government which is charged under state laws with the responsibility of providing medical care for the indigent. The Charter of the City of Houston gives the City Council permissive right to provide this care. It is not mandatory on the city. Legally, it is mandatory on the county. The City of Houston has participated in the arrangement because as a "home rule" city it is granted certain rights by the state legislature.

"THE OTHER BOARD SHOULD BE COMPOSED OF A PROFESSIONAL GROUP WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE MEDICAL AND SURGICAL OPERATION OF THE HOSPITAL". The composition of this professional board is the main item about which there is much difference of opinion.

In many areas, it is the county medical society which is the coordinating agency in the professional operation of charity, tax supported hospitals. We would not be embarking on an untried idea.

^{ti} The average private practitioner, if he were allowed to participate in the hospital program, would receive benefit from participating in an organized postgraduate program. Keeping the physician who is already in practice up to date is equally as essential as providing training for residents and interns.

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There was and is no intention on the part of the Hospital Committee to wreck the medical school of this city. There is an awareness that the private physician is as equally qualified, as equally entitled to postgraduate opportunities, as equally entitled to follow his own patient who is indigent as are the various physicians employed by the institution which is now in complete professional control of virtually all charity hospital beds in this county.

The fourth recommendation of the Hospital Committee deals with "the future development of several out-patient departments which will serve as emergency care centers and screening centers located in the various points of the county."

Harris County has a very large land area with population concentration in several sections which are a great distance from the only tax supported emergency or out-patient facilities. These include, among others, Baytown, Pasadena and North Houston.

If adequate out patient facilities were available in these areas, the necessity for in-patient care could likely be reduced. Certainly adequate emergency facilities would provide the patient with easily accessible, prompt, and efficient care at such time when it is most imperative.

It is hoped that these notes will clarify some of the points and intent of the hospital committee report and will prove beneficial when the report is again brought to the floor of the Society on Wed., Sept. 11th.

Thomas L. Royce, M.D.
Chairman, M.J. and P.R. Board

January 24, 1957.

Dear Mrs. Phillips:

Enclosed is a list of names with copy of a letter mailed to each name on the list by Dr. Daniel E. Jenkins on January 15th - 57. Dr. Jenkins requested that you receive this copy & list for your records.

Sincerely yours,
Ruby Marek.

Dinner, John's 1-24-57 (6L)
Houston's Family Newspaper 9350 DeMauri (6L)



RECEIVES PLAQUE AT DINNER

Mrs. J. W. Grogin, president of the Elva Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital, presented Sterling Stanford a plaque Thursday night for his interest in behalf of the hospital. The presentation was made at a dinner meeting of the auxiliary and the men's patron division of the hospital in John's Restaurant. (Chronicle Photo)



IN APPRECIATION—Sterling M. Stanford was presented with a plaque Thursday evening at a joint dinner in the Elva Wright Auxiliary and the Men Patron's group for his work in raising funds in the interest of the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital. The gift was presented by Mrs. J. W. Grogin, auxiliary president. The event was in John's Restaurant.—Post Photo

LIST OF DONORS TO MEN'S PATRON DIVISION - ELVA A. WRIGHT AUXILIARY - \$100.00 or more

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Marrin Folmar, 4145 Glenshire Dr.	68.00
Duncan Coffee Co., P.O. Box 2079	250.00
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Harold M. Falick, 4366 Wentworth	100.00
H. L. Hawkins, Jr., Esperson Bldg.	100.00
T.C. Carey, Dinwiddie Distributing Service, 710 Franklin	100.00
American General Ins. Co., Carle Aderman, Sr.	100.00
W. H. Keefer, Tomball, Texas	100.00
I. Weiner, 2322 Maroneal	100.00
Bernard Weingarten	100.00
John C. Mayfield Co., P.O. Box 21067	275.00
Albert Thomas, Washington, D.C.	100.00
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Jennie J. Settegast, 102 McGowen	500.00
Hunn Electric Supply Co.	100.00
Radio Program from Club Matinee	109.85
Mrs. Madeline Wysingle - 3224 Lyons Ave.	

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Mr. H.M. Rowe^{VP} Bank of the Southwest. -----

100.00

to be written

January 25, 1957

Mrs. Thelma Gammage
4313 Rossmoyne
Houston, Texas

Dear Thelma:

Dr. Phillips and I enjoyed being with you last night at your home. I think we all had a very pleasant evening. It was wonderful of you to suggest coming around to your home first. It added to the supper at John's.

I believe we are going to get some place with the Tuberculosis Hospital since Mr. A.S. Reaves is taking an active part in it. I am sure the wheels will begin to roll, because he is a good medical executive. Dr. Phillips and I have known him for a long time.

Thank you so much for having us over, and anything I can help you with, be sure to call on me.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. and Mrs. John Roberts Phillips

JRP:f1

Dear Dan:

I was so proud of you at the luncheon, not only because you looked so pretty, but because you were such a good friend of both Sterling and me. You certainly deserved the beautiful plaque which, as you will see, photographed beautifully in the enclosed glossy print. If you would like to get more glossies to send to the Houston club paper, Bill Roberts Entre Nous and out of town papers call Winnie at Sterling's office and she will get you as many as you wish.

Frankly, I do not know the price of these glossies but do not think it will be too much; however, this picture is a little gift from Sterling and myself, and I know you will enjoy putting it in your office with the rest of your beautiful mementoes. Ann's invitations to the luncheon should have reached you by this time, and I am looking forward to you having lots of fun.

Love and best wishes from one grandmother to another -- kick up your heels on Mother's Day -- that's what I plan to do. Sterling sends you a big kiss for that day too. Best wishes to all,

Devotedly,

Betty
Betty

She Has Reason to Celebrate Today---Abe Was Her Ancestor

When Mrs. Sterling Stanford first came to Houston 20 years ago, she had a secret that she wasn't too eager to tell the Southerners she met. Not only was she a dyed-in-the-wool Yankee, straight from Columbus, Ohio—but she is a direct descendant of Abraham Lincoln!

"You weren't supposed to mention being a Yankee in those days, so I didn't say much about it," she recalled, "but now I think I'm about to be accepted as a Texan!"

So today, on Lincoln's birthday, a big American flag will fly over her home at 6647 Brompton, and Mrs. Stanford will busy herself in baking gingerbread cookies—shaped like little logs, as a tribute to the log cabin in which the 16th president was born.

Only One

Mrs. Stanford, whose great-grandfather was Lincoln's first cousin, is Houston's only living descendant of the famous president, except for her own daughter and four grandchildren—Mrs. Michael Trewitt (Virginia) and Cheryll, Michael, Kathleen Elizabeth, and Patrick Christopher Trewitt.

As the only child of an only child (her maiden name was Mary Elizabeth Coles) Mrs. Stanford is also the only direct descendant of her branch of the Lincoln family.

"Lincoln used to visit my great-grandfather, Thomas, quite a lot when they were younger. Of course, as his duties became more pressing, he had less time to see them," she said.

Death of Sweetheart

"I remember that my parents said that the family often commented on the fact that Lincoln never got over the death of his first sweetheart, Ann Rutledge. They said it was his greatest tragedy, and the real reason that he always looked so sad."

On the wall of the Stanford home hangs an engraving of the former president and his family—a picture which hung in the White House during Lincoln's terms of office.

Designed Gowns

Mrs. Stanford used to design

bridal gowns for a department store here. She just missed being born on a holiday herself—Halloween. She was born one minute before midnight, on Oct. 30.

She is a member of Zeta Tau Alpha, which she calls "one of

the oldest Southern sororities" and vice-president of Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital. Mr. Stanford is advertising director for Weingarten's.

"There is a poem Lincoln once wrote that my family and I have always tried to live up to," said Mrs. Stanford, and recited:

"I like to see a man proud of the place in which he lives; I like to see a man live so that place is proud of him."



Press Staff Photo by William Cooksey

MRS. STERLING STANFORD

Memories—and a secret.

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Dear Mrs Phillip

As Chairman of the Nominating Committee of
the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary, it is my pleasure to
inform you that you were elected to the office of
~~Board Director~~ at the general meeting of that
organization on April 10, 1957.

Please accept my warmest personal congratula-
tions and best wishes for a successful year in your
office.

Thank you very much for your co-operation.

Sincerely,

Oladys Hucherson



Harold Israel
PHOTOGRAPH



Mrs. Donald Butler, Mrs. T. E. Gammage, chairman of Volunteer workers and Mrs. Charles Freundlich, President-elect of the Elva Wright T.B. Hospital Auxiliary, shown at the luncheon at the Doctor's Club Wednesday.

Elva Wright Auxiliary Holds Installation of Officers

New officers of Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital were installed at a luncheon at noon May 8th in the Doctor's Club by Mrs. L. L. D. Tuttle. Mrs. Donald Butler gave the invocation.

The new officers are: president, Mrs Morris Kilgore; president-elect, Mrs. Charles Freundlich; vice-presidents, Mrs. T. E. Gammage, Mrs. Arthur Traub and Mrs. Denman C. Hucherson; recording secretary, Mrs. D. W. Meyerson; corresponding secretaries, Mrs. A. C. Porter, Mrs. Hubert Tatar; treasurer, Mrs. Kenneth Campbell; financial secretary, Mrs. William Perl; historian, Mrs. J. J. Truitt; auditors, Mrs. S. Allen Unger and parliamentarian, Mrs. Winfield Klar.

Directors are Mesdames J. W. Grogin, R. Alec Brown, Sterling Stanford, Bernard Weingarten, John Roberts Phillips and Aline Zuber.

Plaques were awarded Mrs. John Roberts Phillips R. N., Chief Judson Stephens, NROTC, Instructor at Rice Institute, Dr. Sylvia Sachs, for their outstanding work for the hospital.

Mrs. Thelma E. Gammage, Chairman of Volunteer Workers presented a 500 hour Pin to Mrs. E. S. Marek, Mrs. Ted Eglin, Mrs. Eric McCabe and Mrs. Sterling Stanford and Mrs. Stella Schuelz.

Mrs. J. W. Grogin, retiring president, presented Mrs. E. S. Marek with a life membership and Mrs. Thelma Gammage with a 500-hour pin. Mrs. Lamar Fleming, Jr. was also awarded a plaque for her outstanding

work for the hospital over a period of many years.

The Men's Patrons Division of the Auxiliary presented Mrs. J. W. Grogin, retiring president, with a coffee server for her services while in office.

The Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital was organized in October 26, 1950. The purpose of this auxiliary is to devote itself as a service organization for the general welfare of all the patients in the Tuberculosis Hospital and Clinic.

Mrs. J. W. Grogin, retiring

president of the auxiliary, founded the Men's Patrons Division to the auxiliary in May of 1956 with Sterling Stanford as retiring chairman and John Andrews as incoming chairman. During 1956 the Men's Div. carried on a fund raising drive for the patients at the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital which was very successful and supplied some urgently needed equipment for the comfort of the patients.

THE RIVER OAKS TIMES

Friday, May 10, 1957

MAY 10, 1957

Mrs. G. C. Glynn will speak on the personal needs of the tuberculosis patient. A social hour follows.

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Wright Auxiliary Meets Wednesday

Mrs. John Roberts Phillips will be hostess for a general meeting of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Club at 10:30 AM Wednesday, Mrs. Arthur I. Traub will be co-hostess.

Mrs. G. C. Glynn will speak on personal needs of the tuberculosis patients. Luncheon will be served.

May 28, 1957

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Yarbrough, Jr.
7022 Shavelson
Houston 24, Texas

Dear Mary and Pinky:

I received your lovely note today. Roberts discussed the coming party with me. Right now we don't have a vacancy. As you know, Ann is getting married this June, and we will be busy all that month. All our relatives will be coming here from Maryland, and will probably stay for a while after the wedding.

I am on the board of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary and the Men's Patron Group. I have booked myself to have them out to the house sometime in July. Also there is a medical meeting in July - The Post Graduate Assembly - and I will probably have to be hostess to some of the guests. I am Vice President of the Kiwanitas this year, and I am on three programs which will have to be at the Doctors' Club or at the Houston Club. In order to have the Doctors' Club, we have to have a scientific program. They have limited the club only to scientific meetings.

Doctor Phillips is having an honor bestowed on him in October, and we will be in Boston for that honorary degree. Also Roberts and I are both on the board of the Minnesota Club, and we are having them at the house early in the fall. As you know, Roberts is the out-going President.

Maybe around Christmas or the holidays, before your term expires, we can have that party. There will be a little lull there. You can write me and see.

Yours sincerely,

JRP:f1

Mrs. John Roberts Phillips, R. N.

**MINUTES OF THE JOINT MEETING OF ELVA A. WRIGHT AUXILIARY
OF THE HOUSTON TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL AND THE
MEN'S PATRON DIVISION OF THE AUXILIARY**

The luncheon meeting was held in Parlor F of the Lamar Hotel, Wednesday, May 29, at 12 o'clock noon.

Those present were:

Mrs. Charles Freundlich	3102 Broadmead
Mrs. J. W. Crogin	3755 Tartan Lane
Mrs. A. I. Traub	8602 Ilona Lane
Mrs. Mose Buck	3714 Tartan Lane
Mrs. Denman Hucherson	2310 Braeswood Blvd.
Mrs. T. E. Gammage	4313 Rossmoyne
Mrs. John Roberts Phillips	5806 Bayou Bend
Mrs. John L. Andrew	4026 Merrick
Dr. Sylvia Sacks	703 S. Post Oak Lane
Mr. W. W. Zingery	3612 Wickersham
Dr. Dan Jenkins	3550 Sun Valley Drive
Mr. A. S. Reaves	Jeff Davis Hospital
Dr. John Roberts Phillips	5806 Bayou Bend
Mr. Hubert Fonville	Jeff Davis Hospital
Mr. Victor Kaufman	New member of Committee - (General Manager of Pepsi Cola Bottling)
Mr. Frank Sefert	New member of Committee - (Vice President of Jax Distributing Company of Houston)
Mr. John L. Andrew	4026 Merrick

Each of those present was given an opportunity to say a few words about the needs of the Hospital patients for the coming year. It was decided that the Auxiliary would appoint a committee of four to meet with a committee of the Men's Patron Division sometime before the 1st of July or shortly thereafter to arrange final plans for the raising of necessary funds to carry on the work for the next 12 months. Both the men and women will hold separate meetings prior to this budget meeting. The Auxiliary will present to this group the minimum requirements for 1957 and 1958. This committee will act on these requirements and set up the final machinery for procurement.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Weingarten and Mr. and Mrs. Sterling Stanford were absent from the luncheon but all of these will play an active part in this work this year.

The main purpose of this meeting was to acquaint each of the active workers with the necessary job to be done and give inspiration to the new members of this committee so that they will take a particular interest in participating in the immediate job ahead.

The meeting lasted until 2 P.M. and the only suggestion from your correspondent is that all future meetings start promptly at 12 noon and dismiss promptly at 1:30. The cause of the overtime was due to our lateness in getting started on this first meeting.

All three newspapers have agreed to give this committee and its action whatever publicity might be necessary in connection with our work at the hospital.

John L. Andrew

Dear Dan,

The meeting was so nice and several members of the Club being that it was the most pleasant any member ever had. I know what an effort you at Eliza had to put forth to be ready. If the a.m. at George Chamberlains offshoot your friends hospitality.

I had intended to write also a separate note thanking him for his complimentary letter but it seemed as though I might offend you if I did.

Dear Mr Phillips,
The Schola A.
Wing & Auxiliary will have their annual luncheon on May 8. 1957. 12:00 noon at the Doctors' Club. As chairman of the day it is my pleasure and privilege to invite you to come and

you should. You will be

Ch. Eliza A. Mitchell Auxiliary

Mrs. Sterling, Mitchell, Maryland

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(Mrs. Eliza A. Mitchell Auxiliary
Montgomery County
Maryland
Dear Mrs. Eliza A. Mitchell Auxiliary
Montgomery County
Maryland
I am sending you
my best regards
and hope to find
you as well as my
dear friends over
there.
Yours ever
John W. Eliza A. Mitchell
Montgomery County
Maryland

I worked with my family office
in Lent. We tried to do the things
I believe. The Anti-Slavery Society &
the Free Church are your people.
Virginia just closed. Have a minute
for any of the community activities until
the other day we had "Our Bazaar" in
Montgomery & Frederick Counties.
Please send your name for all
our fair & all kindly bunched
milk - love -
Dey

July 16, 1957

President of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary.
Mrs. Morris Kilgore
2206 Del Monte
Houston, Texas

Dear Mrs. Kilgore:

As per our conversation at the last board meeting on Friday, July 12th at the home of Mrs. Denman C. Hutcherson, 2310 Braeswood, I checked with Mrs. Katherine Boldreghini this morning regarding their donation to our drive. Mrs. Boldreghini is the corresponding secretary of the Caritas Club. This Club was kind enough to make the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital their project for last year, and made a check out to the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary, Men's Patron Group in the amount of \$350.00. This check was designed for the purchase of suction pumps for the Tuberculosis Hospital.

Mrs. Boldreghini stated again this morning that they had never received a thank-you letter. I checked my files, and I thanked them personally, but they have never been recognized by the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary or the Men's Patron Group.

I am enclosing a list of the officers of the Caritas Club. They would like a small plaque or a letter of recognition so that they will have something to show for their project. I think that would be the least that we can do, after they have been so generous. I feel they will keep this as their project throughout the coming years, if we can let them know how much it is appreciated.

I discussed with you the possibility of having the auxiliaries from the different hospitals - St. Josephs, St. Lukes, Methodist, Herman and Memorial - represented at a designated "Auxiliary Day". I am a life member of St. Josephs Hospital Auxiliary, and this auxiliary has made a lot of money for the hospital. Maybe some of the other members of the other auxiliaries may have other ideas or suggestions as to how we can make more money for the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital. We can always learn from the other organizations.

I feel our auxiliary is progressing rapidly and we should keep abreast. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to write me. I stand ready to help.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. John Roberts Phillips, R. N.

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cc: Mr. John L. Andrew

Mr. & Mrs. Sterling Stanford.

Mrs. A. J. Candelari - Pres. Caritas Club.

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ELVA A. WRIGHT, Auxiliary VOLUNTEER SERVICE

to the

HOUSTON TUBERCULOSIS HOSPITAL

July 29, 1957

Dear Friend:

The Elva A. Wright Auxiliary and the Mens' Patron Division of the volunteer services of the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital want to express our appreciation to you and the other citizens of Houston and Harris County who have, during the past annual drives, assisted us in providing additional equipment, medical and nursing care and other necessities to help in the care and rehabilitation of the hundreds of unfortunate children and adults of this area who are victims of tuberculosis and are confined to the Houston TB Hospital.

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Again this year, we are appealing to you for a contribution from you personally or your organization to help us carry out our program for the coming twelve months. We list below the bare necessities to fulfill the program, which amounts to approximately \$25,000 (a tax deductible item).

1. Improvement of recreation facilities in the Children's Ward
2. Additional School Program
3. Special Milk Program
4. Employment of recreation and rehabilitation supervisors with supplies (not provided by the Hospital)
5. Maintenance of equipment, such as Television, radio; ice machines, air conditioning units, etc. (already provided by your support)

The City County Tuberculosis Hospital is not eligible to receive funds from the United Fund or Christmas Seal Drive; therefore, your contribution is our only means of support. Several hundred men and women are giving their time each week towards this program but we need your contribution to insure success.

The drive starts July 29 through August --- won't you please send your contribution to Elva A. Wright Auxiliary, c/o W.W. Zingery, Treasurer, 1315 McKinney Avenue, Houston 2, Texas.

Gratefully,

John Roberts Phillips
Committee Member

(1) Brown. Gull-winged
Shrike. Spurred
Tempter. Spurred. Puffball
(2) Streaked Shrike
Hairy-tail. Blue-tail. Black
(3) Yellow-bellied
Shrike. Hairy-tail. Blue-tail. Black
(4) No. 5. Sooty
Shrike. Hairy-tail. Blue-tail. Black
(5) Yellow-bellied
Shrike. Hairy-tail. Blue-tail. Black

Churchmen For Hospital Plan

Houston churchmen Sunday urged their parishioners to support creation of a hospital district in the election Saturday.

The clergy had been asked by civic leaders to speak on the subject from their pulpits.

Rev. Alfred Dorsett, pastor of Heights Presbyterian Church, Rev. Ralph J. Diefenbach, pastor of St. Theresa Catholic Church, and Rev. Horace F. Westwood, pastor of the First Unitarian Church, were among the religious leaders who spoke on the issue to their congregations.

Rev. Mr. Dorsett cited the need for better facilities for treatment of the indigent.

"The public should be concerned about inadequate medical facilities that exist for the sick poor," he said.

"Jefferson Davis Hospital

needs improvement. I urge you to vote Saturday in favor of the hospital district."

Father Diefenbach is a member of the board of directors of the Houston-Harris County TB Assn. As such, he pointed out, he is "well aware of the inadequate facilities at the City Tuberculosis Hospital."

"I am definitely in favor of the proposed hospital district. We need a new tuberculosis hospital and Jefferson Davis has needed expansion for a number of years. I think the hospital district plan is the best method of bringing about these improvements."

Father Diefenbach said he will urge support of the hospital district at church club meetings this week.

The other two clerical members of the board are on vacation and not available for comment.

They are Rev. Durwood G. Fleming, pastor of St. Luke's Methodist Church, and Dr. Robert I. Kahn, rabbi of Temple Emanuel.

Rev. Mr. Westwood noted

that "it is high time we do something for the medical indigent."

In this week's The Houston Unitarian Brief, published by the church, Rev. Mr. Westwood appealed to Unitarians to vote for the creation of a hospital district.

The plan, which calls for a separate 48-cent tax rate for hospital purposes, will allow the city to cut about 20 cents from its \$2 tax rate. County Judge Bob Casey has promised to cut 8 cents from the county tax rate of \$1.53 per \$100 valuation.

Bond money for expansion of the general hospital and for construction of a new tuberculosis unit was voted years ago—\$12,000,000 worth—but public officials say that there is not enough tax revenue for hospital purposes to operate the new facilities if they were built.

TB Hospital Fund Lagging



ANDREW SEIFORD

If the drive for funds to continue the volunteer program at the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital doesn't pick up a little momentum, it will take a year to raise the \$25,000 goal.

The campaign has been going on for a month now and only \$2245 has come in — less than 10 per cent of the goal.

Jack Seiford, chairman of the radio and television publicity for the drive, blamed the recent hospital district election for the badly lagging drive for funds. Many people thought a new hospital district would solve the hospital's problems. The proposed hospital district was voted out.

Drive to Continue

Mr. Seiford said the drive would be continued through September.

One of the reasons for the campaign's bad showing thus far is the fact that W. W. Zingery, treasurer of the fund and always a leading figure in the drive, has been out of the city for a month.

Sterling Stanford, chairman of the men's division, and John Andrew, chairman of the newspaper publicity, both are out of the city on vacation.

Full-Time Worker

The Elva Wright Auxiliary to the TB Hospital administers the fund, which is used to buy needed clothing, such personal items as tooth brushes and paste, shaving necessities, earphone radios, arts and crafts, stationery and tobacco.

One of the purposes of raising the money is to employ a full-time worker to make daily visits to the hospital's several wards to take care of the extra medical needs of the patients.

AUG 24 ISSUE

Hospital Plan Might Mean Tax Cut, Williams Suggests

After making a personal check into issues involved in the proposed creation of a hospital district by county voters here Saturday, O'Banion Williams said Monday that he had made up his mind to vote for it.

"I believe that this beginning will be far better than the present obsolete and inadequate system of providing funds to operate our city-county hospital units," said the Houston business executive who has volunteered many years of service to private hospital operations.

"AT PRESENT, with the operation being financed by both the city and the county, there

is far more of a burden on the taxpayer inside the city than outside.

"I understand, too, that Jefferson Davis is now handling 250,000 to 275,000 out-patient visits a year, which is an extremely heavy load. The facilities over there, except for the addition of the polio section, are the same the city and county had 20 years ago."

Williams noted that in voting for the hospital district, he is hopeful of two future developments.

"I hope that the city, whose contribution to city-county hospital operations has reached more than \$3.5 million annually, will be able to give full

consideration to a tax reduction to the extent of its support.

"I ALSO HOPE that we will eventually get all local public health expenditures under one budget. At present, we taxpayers have no way of knowing what we are spending without a lot of research because of the various funds the money now comes from."

"The hospital district could be a good beginning."

If property owners approve the district, city-county hospital operations will be directly under the County Commissioners Court and there will be a tax levy of 48 cents on the \$100 for operating funds.

AUG 24 ISSUE

Fleming, Harvey, Childers Support Hospital District

Lamar Fleming Jr., Bob Childers and Robert W. Harvey urged the voters Thursday to support the county-wide hospital district in Saturday's election.

"I am ashamed of the inadequacy of the Houston and Harris County public hospital facilities," Fleming said.

"Funds to increase them have been provided. Saturday we will vote either for a proposal to create a county-wide hospital district, with the effect of making the operating costs substantially a county respon-

sibility, and causing the construction to proceed, or we will vote against it and delay the construction of the needed additional facilities again and indefinitely."

"THERE IS ARGUMENT about the tax effect of the proposal. I am not competent to judge the merits in this argument and am willing to follow the judgment of the responsible city and county officials, the Chamber of Commerce and the imposing array of community organizations which support the creation of the hospi-

tal district.

"I could not face my conscience if I failed Saturday to vote for the hospital district."

The proposal would put the operation of Jefferson Davis Hospital and the tuberculosis unit under the County Commissioners Court and authorize the levying of a tax of 48 cents on the \$100 valuation.

Harvey said present facilities are inadequate for the growing community.

"THEY MUST BE expanded and improved," he said.

Items Needed By Patients At Hospital

Charity patients at the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital need personal items such as used clothing and toilet articles, Mrs. Sterling Sanford, home service committee chairman, said Thursday.

The campaign is being conducted by the Elva A. Wright auxiliary, a volunteer service for the hospital. Mrs. John L. Andrew is campaign chairman.

Besides its campaign for \$25,000, the auxiliary seeks for the charity patients such items as razors and razor blades, soap, pajamas, robes, slippers, diaper shirts and diapers, canned baby foods and soft, washable toys, Mrs. Stanford said. Mrs. Stanford lives at 6647 Brompton Rd.

Let's Be Realistic, Says Paul C. Roemer

To The Houston Post:

Re Hospital District proposition to be voted on Aug 24.

In all the articles for the new district which I have seen I have noted only vague and unsupported promises of tax reductions producing the revenues now expended in the operations of the Jefferson Davis Hospital. Yet, every time a tax provided by the Constitution is not needed for its designed purpose, both the state and the county ask permission to divert the tax money to other purposes:

Remember the Confederate Pension tax that got down to 2 cents? That tax has been diverted to new uses as well as the millions of accumulated revenue not needed for our Confederate pensioners. Remember the Big Four 80 cents constitutional taxes? The county fathers got a constitutional amendment passed permitting reallocation up to the 80 cents. When the people were awake in 1951 didn't they defeat this amendment? And didn't they pass it in 1956?

Do you know that the county tax rate increases 6 cents for 1957? Let's be realistic.

I am ashamed of both the County Court and the City Council, that they can't get together and apportion the necessary expenses to take care of this Operation Charity.

PAUL C. ROEMER

910 West Cottage.
Houston 9

Board Told TB Patient Expenditures To Be Cut

AUSTIN — (AP) — The state Hospital Board was told Monday that the expenditure per patient in the state tuberculosis hospitals will have to be cut despite an appropriation increase of \$767,894 in the next biennium.

The report was given by Dr Patrick I. McShane, director of tuberculosis hospitals, during a special called board meeting here.

In an unexpected decision, the board voted without dissent to locate a proposed \$2,269,490 school for mentally retarded in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

THE MOTION was made by Howard Tellepsen, of Houston. The last Legislature left it up to the board to locate a site either in that area or on the Gulf Coast-Houston area. There was considerable argument during the Legislature between proponents of the two sites and the final decision was handed the board.

After the meeting, Tellepsen said he had studied the matter carefully from both sides and had come to the conclusion that the first school should be in the Fort Worth-Dallas area.

But he said there would be a drive by Houston interests to locate a second such school in that area when the Legislature meets in 1959.

Six hundred beds will be placed in the school to be located on a 200-acre tract convenient to the metropolitan area. Chairman Raleigh Ross appointed a four-man committee headed by George Pirtle of Tyler to find a site. Other committee members are Dr Herbert Martin of Mexia, Mrs Howard E. Butt of Corpus Christi and Dr Tellepsen.

DR MCGHANE told the board that the 1958 appropriation totaled \$6,730,410 compared with the 1956 appropriation of \$5,963,016. He said the second year appropriation was about the same.

“However, the overall anticipated increase in the patient load and specifically the increase in the patient load in certain hospitals . . . will reduce the per patient per day expenditure in face of rising costs and make the administration of the budget extremely difficult for the superintendents of the state tuberculosis

hospitals,” he said.

The requested appropriation was \$8,575,736.

It also was reported that Texas continues to trail far behind the national average in per patient expenses and staff personnel.

IN PSYCHIATRIC hospitals, excluding VA hospitals, the national average of expenses per patient a day was \$3.63 in 1956 compared with \$2.53 in Texas. This figure will increase, however, to \$3.19 in 1958.

For TB hospitals, not counting the VA hospitals, the national average was \$10.19 in

1956 compared with Texas’ \$6.10. The state outlay will be cut to \$6 next year.

Full time personnel per 100 TB patients in Texas last year was 58 compared with 85 nationally.

Dr McShane also said that increases in salaries will take a large share of the increase in the appropriation “so that the superintendent will be able to add only a few new employees to his staff. This is a great disappointment to all the superintendents because they have been operating their hospitals with a minimum number of employees and must continue to do so.”

\$25,000 Set as Goal In Drive for TB Hospital

The Houston Chronicle 7-31-57
A drive to raise \$25,000 was started Tuesday at a kickoff luncheon of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital.

More than a dozen volunteer workers of the 7-year-old auxiliary met with the men’s patron division at the Lamar Hotel to start the fund drive for increased service and facilities for the city-county TB hospital.

The volunteer service’s appeal this year is for money to be spent on the improvement of recreation facilities in the children’s ward of the hospital, additional school programming, a special milk program, employment of recreation and rehabilitation supervisors and the

John Andrew, chairman of the men’s division, and Mrs Morris Kilgore, president of the auxiliary, pointed out that since the hospital is not eligible to receive funds from the United Fund or Christmas Seal drive, voluntary contributions from citizens “are our only means of support.”

The auxiliary’s drive will run through August.

AUG 24 ISSUE

Hospital District ‘Only Way,’ Dr Barkley Says

Labeling the long-standing delay over the expansion of indigent hospital facilities and provision of operation funds as “a downright silly situation,” Dr Howard T. Barkley said Wednesday that he was very much in favor of the creation of a hospital district.

“I have been all along,” said the veteran private physician, who has volunteered years of free service in caring for the indigent here.

“I THINK IT is the only way we can carry on an adequate hospital program. It will add a little tax on property, but it will support Jefferson Davis Hospital and the tuberculosis hospitals as they have to be supported.

“I yap about taxes like everyone else,” said Dr Barkley candidly, “but I am happy that other people are making money so I can pay my own taxes. I’m quite willing to pay more so that the indigent can be cared for properly.”

The hospitals, Dr Barkley

said, are suffering because there is not enough money to run them as they should be run.

“There is no use in building a fine new building if you have no money to operate it,” he said. “We voted bonds back in 1941 and 1946 to build a tuberculosis hospital, and the situation there is still critical. We voted more bonds in 1952—and yet we still have these poor people at Jefferson Davis piled up all over the grounds.”

HE HAS reached the conclusion, said the physician, that “we should either get out of the hospital business or do it properly. It’s like any other big business—if it is to be done, it must be done right.”

“And I don’t see how we can drop the problem,” he added. “We are obligated to provide medical facilities for those who cannot help themselves.”

A county-wide election on the district will be held Aug 24.

AUG 24 ISSUE

W. Leland Anderson Is For Hospital District

W. Leland Anderson, the business executive who is president of the Texas Medical Center, said Tuesday that the proposed hospital district plan which the voters will approve or reject on Aug 24 is the best solution to a critical situation.

“I’ll go along with the Harris County chapter of the Texas Social Welfare Association, which is supporting the proposal for the district,” Anderson said.

“THEY AND other experts have expressed great concern regarding the inadequacy of our present city-county hospital facilities, which were built in 1938.

“Since 1938 the population of Harris County has increased 138 per cent. The present facilities are not only over-crowded—they are woefully inefficient.”

Anderson pointed out that on hand is \$12 million in bond money which the community voted from 1941 through 1952,

proving that the need for larger and more modern hospital facilities has been recognized for many years—although to date nothing has been built with these funds.

“THE HOSPITAL district plan has been suggested by the County Commissioners Court and the City Council as the quickest and best way of providing the additional funds required to operate adequate facilities.”

“While many citizens would prefer not to create a new taxing authority, this seems to be the only way to make a fairly prompt start on what is long overdue.”

Anderson said voters should ask themselves this question: “Would any alternative plan be cheaper, and how much longer would we be delayed in getting started on the building of additional facilities?”

“I believe the district plan is the best solution we have,” he added.

Med Society Board Again Opposes Hospital District

BY JEAN WALSH

The nine-man medical juris-prudence and public relations board of the Harris County Medical Society Tuesday once again voiced its staunch opposition to the creation of a hospital district here.

In a mailed release, the board announced that it had held a meeting Monday night and was unanimous in its rejection of the measure, which is to go before the voters in a county-wide election Saturday.

UNLIKE ITS release of last March 22, however, when it rejected the hospital district bill as basically the same as the one defeated at the polls in 1955, the board's Tuesday release did not include the opinion of the society's 11-man

The statement—which holds,

in effect; that the city and county can afford to maintain charity hospital operations without levying a hospital district tax—was signed by Dr Thomas L. Royce as chair man.

Other board members whose names were affixed to the statement were Drs. William M. Donohue, Ben T. Withers, Robert A. Gardner, Stanley Oliver, Ed S. Crocker, Powhatan W. James, Thomas J. Fatheree and Hugh Arnold. Also listed as ex officio members were Dr. M. D. Levy, president of the 1,200-member society, and Dr. J. Griffin Heard, president-elect.

Holding that the board "strongly endorses an expanded charity hospital program with adequate financing for operational maintenance," the

statement says that a hospital district tax of 48 cents on the \$100 valuation will not provide this financing.

"THE HOSPITAL district tax would be a new tax added on top of the present city and county taxes," said the board "but the hospital program itself will be receiving less than is currently budgeted for operational expenses and bond repayment."

"A district tax at 48 cent will bring in approximately \$5,750,000, according to the county auditor. The present cost of the two hospitals, the retirement of hospital bonds and the legally authorized expenses of a district, if passed bring the known yearly indebtedness to \$6,034,569. This leaves a deficit of almost \$300,

of its available tax resources, the medical group said. "An additional \$3,337,000 surplus is anticipated by the end of this year."

The county, the board continued, ended 1956 with a cash balance of more than \$2 million and "yet the Commission's Court has been most reluctant to appropriate even \$500,000 to the charity hospital program."

IT IS OBVIOUS, the board said, that the hospital program can not only be maintained but expanded—if it is left as a part of the overall city-county responsibility. However, if it is isolated in a district of its own,

"the chances for the much-needed expansion are indeed slim."

The physicians of this county have contributed millions of dollars yearly in professional services to operate the charity hospital program, the board concluded.

"They will continue to contribute between \$3 and \$4 Million yearly in the future. They have a real and rightful interest in providing the best possible medical care for the intelligent of this county."

The proposal for a new taxing district and added taxing powers for the support of city-county charity hospital operations "comes at a time when both city and county are in excellent financial condition," the Tax Research Association charged Tuesday.

In a special news letter labeled "A Final Word On the Hospital District," the association said that the city of Houston ended 1956 with a balance of \$6.9 Million and should end 1957 with a balance of more than \$10 Million.

"HARRIS COUNTY'S general funds had about \$2.1 million in balances at the end of 1957."

By shifting the expense of

charity hospitals to a new tax-district, said the association, both city and county governments would be relieved of the hospital expense," and in effect would be granted enlarged taxing powers to support the remaining city and county services and programs."

the present sharing arrangement to a county-wide tax base, though the establishment of a new, additional taxing district.

"ABOUT 95 PER cent of charity hospital costs from tax sources are paid by Houston taxpayers (through city and county taxes)," said the association.

The creation of a hospital district, said the association, would shift the expense of supporting charity hospitals from

HOPE YOU caught the latest T.V. panel show starring Mrs. J. J. Truitt (Una), Mrs. Morris Kilgore (Dorothy) and Mrs. Charles Freundlich (Betty), all answering questions put to them by moderator John Andrews, City National Bank. The panelists are Elva Wright Auxiliary members putting the cards on the table to the public concerning the crying needs of our T.B. League.

Art for art's sake at the recent party given by Mr. and Mrs. Al Selig (he's chairman of the Contemporary Arts Association for the coming year). The reception honored his co-chairmen Betty Scott and Jim Hughes and the many volunteer workers who help swing the museums activities. . . .

• —HELEN HEAD

MILESTONE FIGHT AGAINST TB

TB Association's New \$125,000 Headquarters Bldg. Dedicated

The Houston-Harris County TB Assn.'s new \$125,000 headquarters at 2901 W. Dallas were formally dedicated Sunday.

Officers and directors of the association, volunteers and the public heard Dr. Howard Barkley, president of the Texas Tuberculosis Assn., and Texas director of the National Assn., call the new building "a tremendous milestone in Harris County's battle against tuberculosis."

Dr. Daniel E. Jenkins, a member of the association board and president-elect of the American Trudeau Society, medical section of the national TB movement, said the new offices are "symbolic of a fortress from which the fight against TB will go on stronger than ever."

Dr. Jenkins pointed out that the battle against the disease in Harris County is "not nearly won."

"Last year there were 906 new cases of tuberculosis reported, as compared to only 480 new cases reported in the year 1946," he said.

Robert V. Moise, president of the association, was presented with a mahogany mercury barometer by Aubrey Calvin, association vice-president, in behalf of the officers and directors of the organization. Calvin praised Moise for his "long and unselfish devotion to the association's cause."

Miss Emeline J. Renis, association executive-director, expressed her gratitude to the volunteer directors and workers who augmented her staff during the past year.

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, member of the board of the association, opened ceremonies with an invocation. Rev. Ralph J. Diefenbach, also a director of the association, gave the benediction.

Other notables present were Rep. Frank E. Mann, Mrs. Charles Sherer, chairman of the women's Christmas Seal division, C. A. Pickett, secretary of the association, and Mrs. George P. Kelley, a member of the board of directors.

The association, founded in 1911 by Dr. Elva E. Wright, was housed in a bungalow at 612 Bagby.

Architect for the modern

one-story tile and brick headquarters was Henry A. Stube. Raymond E. Todd was general contractor.



TB FIGHTERS—Miss Emmeline J. Renis, executive director of the Houston-Harris County TB Assn., stands before a portrait of the late Dr. Elva E. Wright, founder of the chapter, with Aubrey

Calvin, association vice-president, center, and Robert V. Moise, president. The portrait hangs in the offices of the new TB headquarters dedicated Sunday at 2901 W. Dallas.

Thursday, May 16, 1957



NEW AUXILIARY OFFICERS

Mrs. Morris W. Kilgore, left, recently was installed as president of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary to the T.B. Hospital. Mrs. Denman C. Hutcherson, right, was chairman of the day. (Chronicle Photo)



VOLUNTEERS MAP TB HOSPITAL PLANS

Women of the Elva A. Wright auxiliary of the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital and the Men's Patron Division held their first planning luncheon at the Lamar Hotel Wednesday. Above are John L. Andrew, left, chairman of the men's group; Mrs. Morris Kilgore, who was installed as president of the auxiliary, and Hubert Fonville, administrator of the hospital.—Post Photo



Mrs. Gammage, Mrs. Marek, Mrs. Eglin, Mrs. Scheultz

Special Awards were given these volunteer workers of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary for 500 hours of service in a presentation ceremony at the Doctor's Club. L. to R. Mrs. T. E. Gammage, 1st V.P. and chairman of the volunteer workers; Mrs. E. S. Marek, honorary life member and chairman of the blood bank program; Mrs. T. E. Eglin, honorary life member and chairman of Patients Welfare and Arts and Crafts; Mrs. Stella Scheultz, her co-chairman.

Ceramic Show Open For Entries

The many ceramic hobbyists of the River Oaks and adjoining areas this week were offered blanket invitation to arrange now to enter their favorite creations in the Gulf Coast Ceramic Show, Oct. 5-6, at the Houston Coliseum.

Mrs. James B. Hughes, 5425 Briar Drive, a co-leader for the non-profit show, urged that ceramic fans apply now at any ceramic studio for entry blanks. They may telephone her at MOhawk 5-3490, or Barney Wilburn, show chairman, JACKSON 2-3397.

Hobbyists entries will be displayed in 14 different divisions and numerous classes for judging for many awards. Separate judging classes will be conducted for entries by youngsters up through age 12 and for teenagers age 13 through 18.

Proceeds go to the Houston-Harris County TB Assn. Ticket sales have been opened under auspices of Pi Alpha Chapter of Phi Beta, under leadership of Mrs. Troy Whitehead, 246 Blalock, chapter president, and Mrs. J. W. Smelley, 289 Bryn Mawr Circle, ways and means chairman.

FUND DRIVE ON BY AUXILIARY

August is the month when most people think about vacations.

Members of the Elva A. Wright Auxiliary think about the funds needed to maintain the program at the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital.

This year the goal is \$25,000. They appeal to you personally and to your organization to help carry out this program.

The Milk Fund program is one part of their aid. Since the hospital is operated on a charity basis, the patients are needy families. Milk is provided not only for children in the hospital but for many in the outpatient clinic who need it.

Contributions may be marked specifically for the milk fund when sent in.

There is a school program for the children at the hospital.

The Houston Public School supply teachers through an intercom system, for all children of school age. Patients at the T.B. hospital include children from tiny babies to 13 years.

Books and other school needs are provided by the fund drive.

Contributions will be picked up by the Auxiliary if you will call JA 3-4190. Checks should be made payable to Wright Auxiliary, 1315 McKinney Ave., Houston.

Volunteers Need Funds

To Help TB Sufferers

As a memorial to the late Dr Elva A. Wright, who devoted a lifetime of effort to the war against tuberculosis in Houston, friends of hers organized the Elva Wright Auxiliary to the Houston TB Hospital. Since 1950 they have been providing needy patients with personal comforts and necessities, supplying milk for tubercular children whose parents cannot afford to buy milk, and supervising school classes for children in the hospital.

Now the auxiliary is appealing to individuals and church and club groups for funds for this volunteer humanitarian work. At least \$25,000 is needed. The Auxiliary receives no financial aid from the United Fund, or from the sale of Christmas Seals, which are sold to raise funds for research and efforts to stamp out TB.

No sales "pitch" should be necessary to move generous hearts in this behalf. The mere knowledge of the need, and a thought of its purpose, should suffice. So please make your check payable to Wright Auxiliary and send it to W. W. Zingery, Treasurer, 1315 McKinney, Houston 2, Texas.

RIVER OAKS TIMES 8-2-57

ELVA WRIGHT MEN'S PATRON DIV. DRIVING FOR FUNDS FOR T.B. HOSP.

The Drive for funds to aid the Houston Tuberculosis Hospital is underway. Hundreds of unfortunate children who suffer with T.B. are aided by this drive.

This City County Hospital is not eligible to receive funds from U.F. or the Seal Drive, yet it carries a heavy patient load and the need is great for \$25,000 to carry out a minimum need program:

1. Improvement of Recreation facilities in the Children's ward.
2. Additional School Program.
3. Special Milk Program.

4. Employment of recreation and rehabilitation supervisors with supplies (not provided by the Hospital).

5. Maintenance of equipment, such as Television, radio, ice machines, air conditioning units, etc. (already provided by public support).

The Elva A. Wright Auxiliary Men's Patron Division held a meeting Tuesday in the Lamar Hotel to spark their drive.

Mrs. Denman C. Hucherson, vice-president of the E. A. Wright Auxiliary was chairman of the day. John L. Andrew, Chairman, presided.

Mrs. Morris Kilgore, president of the auxiliary gave the invocation. Mrs. T. E. Gammage, Sr.

Fulltime Doctor For TB Unit Voted

As expected, the City Council Wednesday approved the hiring of a fulltime physician for the tuberculosis division of Jefferson Davis Hospital.

The action, taken unanimously, authorized the hiring of Dr Harry Davis at \$10,000 a year. The TB division at the city-county hospital has been without a fulltime doctor since June 1, the date of Dr P. O. Jones' resignation.

OUR CITY

Do We Need This Hospital Plan?

(First of Two)

NEXT SATURDAY an election will be held in Harris County to determine whether a county-wide hospital district will be created.

If approved, it will take over from the City of Houston and the county the responsibility of providing medical care for the indigent. The district will be run by Commissioners Court—the county judge and the four commissioners—just as the county government is.

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THERE ARE two questions which the voter should ask himself in deciding how to vote:

First, are the proposed improvements to Jefferson Davis Hospital and a new tuberculosis hospital necessary?

Second, if the answer to the first question is "yes," then is the hospital district the only feasible way to handle the situation?

The Chronicle believes the answer to both questions is "yes" and the hospital district should be created. The Chronicle has studied reports of public agencies on the subject and has had its own reporters investigate the situation.

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TAKE A LOOK first at Jefferson Davis Hospital, the city-county charity facility which provides medical care for those who can't afford it elsewhere. It would be well if every voter could get a firsthand look at conditions at the hospital. That would insure creation of the hospital district.

Jefferson Davis was opened in 1938 with an outpatient clinic to serve 250 persons a day. This year it is handling an average of 700 persons daily, almost three times its rated capacity.

Many citizens have heard—and have been indignant over—the delay of hours some sick patients have to endure before they are treated. But when the doctors and nurses are handling nearly three times the rated capacity of the clinic, such delay is inevitable.

Mayor Oscar Holcombe said "it's like putting cattle in a cattle car. It ought not to be allowed in a civilized community." County Judge Bob Casey commented tersely, "It's terrible."

The citizens, realizing the situation, voted \$12,000,000 in bonds for hospital improvements. The improvements cannot be made, however, until a means is provided for raising the money to pay the increased operating costs.

The hospital district to be voted on Saturday seems the best answer.

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THE HOSPITAL has 436 beds for those ill enough to be admitted. The beds stay full. A nurse at Jefferson Davis said that as soon as a bed is vacated it is filled again as soon as the sheets can be changed.

The hospital is so pressed for beds it has stacked valuable records in a corridor, using the record room for bed space.

Expansion and improvement of the outpatient clinic and emergency room facilities are the top priority projects if the district is created. This not only will relieve the jam in the outpatient clinic, but also will help ease the bed shortage since some patients ordinarily admitted can remain at home and get daily treatment at the clinic.

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THE TB Hospital is a disgrace. A motorist driving by the location, on Shepherd between Buffalo Dr. and West Dallas Ave., can see its miserable condition at a glance. Doctors and nurses are having to struggle along in poorly equipped, deteriorating shacks.

If the hospital district is created, a new TB hospital will be built near Jefferson Davis Hospital. As TB cases decline in the future, part of this new hospital can be converted to general usage.

Tomorrow: District financing will be discussed.

AN EDITORIAL

Simple Humanity Is Hospital Vote Issue

Saturday's hospital district election is a challenge to the conscience of this community. The fundamental issue involved is one of plain, simple humanity. It boils down to this: Do the people of Harris County want to take care of their indigent sick and afflicted?

We believe they do. They have shown their warm-hearted humanity time and time again. They will respond to this call if they appreciate the seriousness of the need and what the election means to destitute suffering humanity. And it is the responsibility of all voting citizens to inform themselves before they go to the polls tomorrow—and to go.

THIS ELECTION has been called because the constituted authorities of the city and county believe that the hospital district plan offers the best method—the best for all concerned—of meeting the grievous problem of charity hospitalization which has been kicked around for so many years without solution. This plan has been heartily endorsed by many civic, humanitarian and spiritual organizations, as well as municipal governing groups and scores of civic leaders. Two small groups oppose the proposal, and the fiscal arguments made by one of them against the plan have been refuted by county officials.

There is available \$12 Million in city and county bonds for improving and expanding Jefferson Davis Hospital and the tuberculosis hospital. Anyone acquainted with the piteously overcrowded condition of the former, and the utter lack of facilities at the latter, cannot but support this measure for their relief. It is necessary to raise more funds for the operation of the expanded facilities than can be provided through existing city and county tax rates. It is calculated that a hospital district tax of 48 cents on the \$100 valuation will provide the required operating funds and money for servicing the bonds. Until they are provided, the improvements cannot be made.

A **DISTRICT TAX**, to be paid by city and county residents alike, is more equitable and fair than the present arrangement. The city people now pay more than 90 per cent of the taxes used in maintaining the charity hospitals. They pay city property taxes and county property taxes, whereas county residents pay only the county tax. When the hospital district levy is effected, relieving the city and county of the financial burden of the charity institutions, then they can reduce their taxes. County officials have promised to reduce the regular county tax rate by 8 cents if voters approve the hospital district. Without the hospital tax, the funds necessary to make the improvements could be raised only by excessive increases in property valuations, which would add to the inequity of existing conditions.

Too long we have neglected the improvement of the charity hospitals. It is a critical problem, and its solution should not be longer delayed. Hundreds of indigent sick are suffering because of it. The city and county have a moral as well as a legal obligation to take care of them. Let us meet the obligation and discharge our individual responsibility as citizens by going to the polls Saturday and voting for the hospital district.

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THEY NEED MORE ROOM—These two children are patients in the overcrowded Houston Tuberculosis Hospital. Note how close their beds are. Medical au-

thorities recommend that beds in the hospital be at least six feet apart. (Chronicle Photo)

mittted, most of them for a five-day checkup, after which they were released to their parents for further care.

The bulk of our indigent tubercular citizenry must content themselves with periodic visits to the outpatient clinics.

There have been 9751 visits to the TB hospital's outpatient clinic already this year. Meanwhile the waiting list for beds grows.

(Tomorrow — The Present Hospital Tax Problem).

Family of Five

Jackie's father is a welder who supports a family of five on \$56 a week. Jackie's grandmother, also a victim of tuberculosis, lives with the family.

The bedrock of effective treatment remains bed rest. The average patient must take up bed space for at least 1915 Whitney.

Both Jackie and his grandmother spent time in the TB hospital. Because of limited facilities, and because of the slow case turnover, only 143 adults were admitted to the TB charity hospital last year.

Only 311 children were ad-

mitted, most of them for a five-day checkup, after which they were released to their parents for further care.

The proposed hospital district, which will go before voters Aug. 24, calls for the construction of a new TB hospital.

THE HOSPITAL DISTRICT

County Trails Other Areas in TB Care

BY BILL PORTERFIELD
Chronicle Staff

Tuberculosis is being stamped out in other parts of the country, but Harris County is not even near thwarting the disease.

Let us take the case of 4-year-old Jackie Lynn Nash, one of the 7500 tuberculosis victims in Harris County.

Jackie has tuberculosis of the spine. He is imprisoned in a cast of plaster from his chest to his feet. Doctors say he will have to stay that way for 20 months.

Tuberculosis is a disease largely of those who are ill-fed, living in crowded housing, and the least able to pay for the extensive care and treatment required.

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Aside from a few cases reported by private physicians, TB is treated here in the 185-bed Veterans Hospital and in the 170-bed Houston Tuberculosis Hospital for the medical indigent.

Yet 90 per cent of the 2594 deaths due to TB in the county during the last 10 years occurred outside the hospitals.

"Most of the deaths occur-

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HE STAYS AT HOME BECAUSE THE HOSPITAL IS FULL
Jackie Lynn Nash

Tax Burden Would Be More Equitable

BY BILL PORTERFIELD

Chronicle Staff

The Jefferson Davis Hospital and Houston Tuberculosis Hospital have been financed jointly for many years by the city and county governments.

City taxpayers are at present supplying 70 per cent of the tax support and the county supplies 30 per cent.

However, as Houston taxpayers pay 75 per cent of the

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county taxes, this means that the city taxpayers are actually paying 92 per cent of the county hospital costs.

It is generally agreed that this arrangement is illogical and inequitable.

The creation of a hospital district in the August 24 election would more fairly distribute the costs of charity hospital operations among the taxpayers of the city and county.

Expansion Needed

Under present financing, sorely needed expansion of the medical facilities for the medically indigent of Harris County simply is not possible.

Construction of additional facilities is no immediate problem. Funds for construction are on hand. But additional facilities mean higher operating costs, and neither the city nor the county has an adequate and stable source of revenue to finance these operating costs which are expected to be practically double the present costs.

Eight years ago voters approved \$12,000,000 in bond funds for construction. In 1950 the Cullen and Anderson Foundations offered grants for county medical construction totaling \$2,100,000. This money is still available.

The creation of a hospital district is the best way to solve the charity hospital dilemma, many authorities believe.

The 1957 budget for the operation of Jefferson Davis Hospital and the tuberculosis hospital is \$4,805,240, to be financed as follows:

City of Houston	\$3,548,240
County	\$ 657,000
Pay Patients	\$ 600,000

Total \$4,805,240

The problem is to finance the higher operating costs that construction of new facilities will bring, and to do it in a manner that will equalize the burden between city and county taxpayers. The hospital district seems to be the answer.

The city alone cannot in-

crease its revenue substantially. Its tax rate is already at the limit and its assessment rate is already at what is considered the highest practical level.

The county cannot take over a larger share of the load without increasing its revenue from some source. The suggestion has been made that this source might be an increase in county assessments. But this would be no relief for city taxpayers, for the reason that any increase in county assessments would automatically bring an increase in state taxes—which are based on county assessments—and city property owners would then have a heavier state tax bill to pay.

Proposition Defeated

An election to create a hospital district in Harris County was held two years ago. The proposition met defeat at the polls for three primary reasons:

1. The plan called for construction of a new general hospital in the Texas Medical Center. Opponents said that it would be too far from the medically indigent. It was argued that enlarging the present Jefferson Davis Hospital would be more economical and would take care of the needs.

2. Voters didn't like the pro-

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posed tax rate of 75 cents per \$100 valuation set up in the plan.

3. The 1955 hospital district plan called for creation of a new taxing agency managed by an appointed board, instead of by elected officials.

(Tomorrow—The New Hospital District Plan)

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Hospital Plan Endorsed

Endorsement of the proposed Jefferson Davis Hospital District plan was announced Thursday by the Community Council of Houston and Harris County.

The plan will be voted on at a special election Aug. 24.

Its object is to finance improvements in the city-county hospital's facilities and operations.

"The council has studied this matter thoroughly and we feel the hospital district plan is the best answer," said Karl Bendetsen, chairman of the Community Council board of directors.

The charity hospital needs immediate expansion of a new 350-bed general hospital unit, a new 250-bed tuberculosis unit and improved and expanded out-patient facilities, as well as better provision for emergency care and modernization of the present hospital unit, Bendetsen said.

He said a total of \$12,000,000 in bond money is available for construction, but operating costs for the added development are not now covered.



